THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir, BICP has carried out Cost study of all DMT producers in 1986, which was subsequently updated in 1989.

(b) Does not arise.

Banning the Use of Brominated Vegetable Oil

@743. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI
SHRI N. E. BALARAM
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press reports that in spite of the total ban imposed by Government on April 15, 1988, on the use of Brominated Vegetable Oil (BVO) in any manufactured food product or beverage under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, Indian soft drink manufacturers are still using the additive, which has been found to be extremely harmful to human being by international organisatoins like the WHO and FAO; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure the compliance of the ban order?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b). The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued a notification under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 on 15th April, 1988 deleting Brominated Vegetable Oil from the list of permitted emulsifiers and stabilisers. Later on, on the basis of advice of Experts, use of this chemical was extended uto 15th April, 1990. Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Food Health Authorities of States/Union Territories have been urged upon to ensure that all food products manufactured and marketed in the country after the stipulated date, are free from this chemical.

@Previously unstarred Question 178, transferred from the 3rd May, 1990.

Declining Rate of Production and Sales by Tyre Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta

744. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the rate of production and sales of the Tyre Corporation of India Limited, Calcutta has sharply declined over the last one year;

(b) whether this is so because the mangaement has failed to provide raw materials and other inputs regularly;

(c) whether the marketing wing of the Corporation has also failed to keep their commitment to the buyers, particularly those in the Public Sector;

(d) whether the erstwhile employees of other tyre manufacturing companies, now in the sales team of TCI, have been working against the interest of the TCI;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what action Government proposed to be taken to upgrade the management of the Tyre Corporation of India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No. Sir, The company's production and sales for 1988-89 and 1989-90 are as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1988-89	1989-90
Production	36.52	36.17
Sales	47.86*	50.08*

*Inclusive of excise duty.